



Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:1-2)

PRAYER

in time of coronavirus (www.tarsus.ie)

God of healing, we pray especially for all who sustain us in these days: for hospital chaplains, for medical professionals, for staff in our shops, for those who keep our streets and places of work clean, for our political leaders. We are in this together and together we entrust all these people to your special blessing.

God of hope, in these days fear has gripped us all and we are afraid of what might happen to us and to those we love.

Pour into our hearts your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to give us the strength and calm we need to live through this terrible time.

God of love, we know that nothing matters more than the people in our lives. We ask your blessing on those we love.

Give us your compassion and your patient love, that we may reach out to all who need our help, especially the vulnerable.

God of faith, we renew our faith in you, our loving Father. Let us feel again in our lives the promise of your Son to be with us always to the end of the age.

Show us how to live through this epidemic as people of faith. May this time of testing be a time of grace.